CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA
SEPTEMBER 7, 2021 - VETERANS' MEMORIAL BUILDING, 313 W. TUNNELL STREET

INVOCATION
Pastor Jon Stone of Crosspointe Baptist Church gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Councilmember Cordero led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Patino reconvened the meeting and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT:
Mayor Alice Patino, Councilmember Mike Cordero, Councilmember Carlos Escobedo, Councilmember Gloria Soto, and Councilmember Etta Waterfield

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:
City Manager Jason Stilwell, City Attorney Thomas Watson, Director of Finance Mary Harvey, City Librarian Mary Housel, Chief Information Officer Jeffrey Marecic, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Kevin McCune, Director of Community Development Chuen Ng, Director of Recreation & Parks Alex Posada, Chief of Police Marc Schneider, Director of Utilities Shad Springer, Fire Chief Todd Tuggle, Community Development Secretary Kathleen Wilson, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Rhonda White

1 PROCLAMATIONS

A. Mayor Patino moved the Proclamation to the City of Guadalupe on the agenda so that it would be presented first. Councilmember Escobedo presented a Proclamation recognizing the 75th Anniversary of the City of Guadalupe and congratulating them on this milestone anniversary of incorporation in the County of Santa Barbara. The Proclamation was accepted by Ariston Julian, Mayor of the City of Guadalupe.

B. Councilmember Cordero presented a Proclamation commemorating the "20th Anniversary of September 11th" in memory of the victims and honoring the survivors and first responders who led the recovery efforts and recognizing those Americans who continue to protect the Nation daily, both at home and abroad. The Proclamation was accepted by Fire Chief Todd Tuggle.

C. The City Council received a presentation of the Fall 2021 Class of Honorees for the Hometown Heroes Program recognizing Santa Maria residents who are actively serving in the military, veterans of the United States military, first responders, or essential workers by displaying a celebratory banner on South College Drive with the honoree's photograph and branch of service. The Honorees for the Fall 2021 Class are:

Sue Andersen and the Healthcare Team at Marian Regional Medical Center
Mariah Savannah Arellano – Navy
Mikayla Arriola – Navy
Albert R. Bohl – Marine Corps
Arturo Carrasco – Army
Catarino Chavez – Essential Worker (Agriculture)
James A. Cozart – Air Force
Manuel Flores – Air Force
Frederick James Inguito – Army
Eustaquio M. Labastida – Army
Sammy Theodore Labastida – Army
Pamela McNeil – Air Force and First Responder
Monica Palacios – Essential Worker (Social Services)
Alice Patino – City of Santa Maria Mayor
Christopher E. Rodriguez – Marine Corps
Raymundo Toledo – Essential Worker (Agriculture)
Rafael Torres – Marine Corps and First Responder
Elijah F. Uvalle – Navy
Myrl A. Wallace – Navy
Leticia Rios Zamudio – Essential Worker (Social Services)

2 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Margaret Ontiveros said she appreciated the outreach meetings for redistricting. She also expressed concern that the meetings were not available online.

Gary Hall spoke about the North Santa Barbara County Mobile Homeowners Team and requested assistance regulating rental fees in mobile home parks.

Lynn Burchard expressed concern about increasing crime rates in the City of Santa Maria.

City Manager Stilwell explained that the redistricting meetings were being held in the four districts with the hope that, regardless of wi-fi capabilities, everyone would have a way to access the information and give their input.

3 CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent Calendar Items 3A-3J were approved as presented, including the adoption of Resolution Nos. 2021-99, 2021-100, 2021-101, 2021-102, 2021-103, and 2021-104. The recorded vote appears with each item below.

A. Waive the reading in full of all Ordinances and Resolutions. Ordinances on the Consent Agenda will be adopted by the same vote cast at the first meeting unless City Council indicates otherwise.

Action: Readings waived.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. 5-0.

B. Approve the Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of August 17, 2021.

Action: Minutes approved as presented.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. 5-0.

C. Adopt a Resolution canceling the regular City Council meeting scheduled on September 21, 2021.

Action: September 21, 2021, City Council meeting canceled.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-99. 5-0.

D. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the transfer of an existing Housing Affordability Regulatory Agreement and Declaration of Restrictive Covenants from 605 East Newlove Associates, LP to Los Pinos KPS, LP (SP2021-0007) for the Los Pinos Apartments located at 605 East Newlove Drive.

Action: Transfer was authorized of an existing Housing Affordability Regulatory Agreement and Declaration of Restrictive Covenants.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-100. 5-0.

E. Payment of Warrants. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Warrants ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. 5-0.

F. Payment of Payroll. Ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Directors, as shown on records on file in the Department of Finance, and having been approved for payment by the Director of Finance.

Action: Payroll ratified.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. 5-0.

G. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the appropriation of California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant (PT22076) funding to the Santa Maria Police Department (SMPD).

Action: STEP Grant appropriation to Police Department approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.

H. Adopt a Resolution approving the Santa Maria Area Transit Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal for Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2022-2024.

Action: SMAT Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Goal approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-102. 5-0.

I. Adopt a Resolution approving the Title VI Program Update for the Santa Maria Area Transit Public Transportation Services for Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2022-2024.

Action: SMAT Title VI Update for FY 2022-24 approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.

Motion carried. Adopted as Resolution No. 2021-103. 5-0.

J. Adopt a Resolution approving the 5th Amendment to the Land Lease Agreement for the use of Pioneer Park.

Action: 5th Amendment to Land Lease Agreement for use of Pioneer Park approved.
Moved by Councilmember Waterfield, seconded by Councilmember Escobedo.
Motion carried. Adopted No. 2021-104. 5-0.

4 PUBLIC HEARING

A. **6:00 P.M. - PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING DISTRICT-BASED ELECTION MAPS FOR THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS AFTER 2020 CENSUS.** The City Council discussed neighborhoods and communities of interest and the formation of districts based on the 2020 Census. Dr. Daniel Phillips of NDC Research gave a presentation as detailed in the Council Agenda Report along with information on interpreting the online maps available to the community.

Public hearing
Mayor Patino opened the public hearing at 6:40 p.m.

Written comment was received from Sara Macdonald asking that all of the redistricting hearings have internet access and live-stream capabilities. Rebecca Garcia wrote in suggesting that the division of the four districts continue to include Broadway and Main as the center point.

Gary Hall asked if the City could present a map to the public for approval instead of asking the public to submit their ideas.

Kathy Sharum spoke about the redistricting web pages on the City's website and asked if meetings could be held that are specific to redistricting instead of being combined with a regular City Council meeting.

Cliff Solomon suggested continuing to keep the City's district maps divided into four quadrants and asked that the City Council approve a map that would well-represent the make-up of the communities.

Mayor Patino closed the public hearing at 6:49 p.m.

Action: The City Council 1) received a presentation on the redistricting process and permissible criteria to be considered to create district boundaries; 2) conducted a public hearing to receive public input on district boundaries; 3) provided guidance that the draft redistricting maps continue to use Main and Broadway as the center point of the City, and 4) formally recognized certain neighborhoods and/or communities of interest that should be kept undivided in the map-drawing process (to the extent practicable).
Moved by Councilmember Soto, seconded by Councilmember Waterfield.
Motion carried. 5-0.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER
City Manager Stilwell reported that the September 21, 2021, City Council meeting was canceled. The next regular City Council meeting would be held on October 5, 2021. Items on the agenda would include the Annual Chamber of Commerce Report, a water bond refinancing, and the CDBG 2022-23 Capital Projects.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS)
Councilmember Cordero gave a summary of Elks Rodeo activities and fundraising and mentioned he had attended a stargazing event through the Recreation & Parks Department.

Councilmember Escobedo reported he attended Back to School Night at Santa Maria High; the Chamber of Commerce Gala; and participated in the Elks Parade.

Councilmembers Waterfield and Soto had no reportable AB1234 items.

Mayor Patino reported she attended the State Council meeting on Developmental Disabilities; the SBCAG and APCD monthly Board meetings; an SB9 and Key Housing Bills meeting; the Marian Foundation BOD meeting; two 3CE meetings; the Chamber of Commerce Gala; the Day of Hope event; and participated in the Elks Rodeo Parade.

ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Patino declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Approved at a regular meeting on October 5, 2021.

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk and ex officio Clerk
of the City Council

ATTEST:

10/13/2021

Rhonda M. White, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Alice M. Patino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria